



ANGEL'S PUBLIC SCHOOL

SAMPLE PAPER

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CLASS –VIII

TIME: 3 HRS

SUBJECT : SOCIAL SCIENCE

M.M:80

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

- (a) SECTION–A comprises 5 multiple choice questions, each of one mark.
- (b) SECTION –B comprises 10 very short answer type questions, each of one mark.
- (c) SECTION–C comprises 10 short answer type questions, each of three marks. Attempt any 10 questions.
- (d) SECTION–D comprises 6 long answer type questions, each of 5 marks. Attempt any 5 questions.
- (e) SECTION–E comprises map/diagram carrying 10 marks.

SECTION – A

I. Choose the correct option:

1. In which year was the Permanent Settlement System started?
(a) 1900 (b) 1885 (c) 1890 (d) 1793
2. The Gaddis of Kullu were:
(a) tribal shepherds (b) cattle herders (c) fruit gatherers (d) hunters
3. In 1883-84, the notified wastelands of the village, as declared by the Forest Act were known as:
(a) Reserved forests (b) Open forests (c) Prohibited forests (d) Protected forests
4. The term golden fibre refers to:
(a) tea (b) cotton (c) jute (d) silk
5. Commercial grain farming is practised in:
(a) the hilly slopes of India (b) the Prairies of the USA
(c) the arid regions of the Sahara (d) the coastal areas of Florida
6. One-third of Rajya Sabha members retire every _____ years.
(a) 2 (b) 3 (c) 4 (d) 6
7. The Vice President of India is the Ex-officio Chairman of the _____.
(a) Lok Sabha (b) Rajya Sabha (c) Supreme Court (d) Planning Commission
8. The Chief Justice of India is appointed by the:
(a) Prime Minister (b) President (c) Rajya Sabha (d) Council of Ministers
9. The judiciary is the _____ of the constitution.
(a) creator (b) guardian (c) observer (d) changer
10. In which activity were the tribals mostly involved?
(a) Agriculture (b) Hunting (c) Gathering (d) Fishing

SECTION – B

II. One Word Answer:

1. When was the Ryotwari System introduced?
2. Who led the Kol Rebellion?
3. Define subsistence farming.
4. Name two primary sector activities.
5. Which Act divided forests into three categories?
6. What is meant by judicial independence?
7. Name the three organs of Parliament.
8. Who can contest Presidential elections in India?
9. Mention one state under the jurisdiction of Guwahati High Court.
10. What is the tenure of the Lok Sabha?

SECTION - C

III. Short Answer Questions:

1. What were the two major systems of indigo cultivation in India?
2. What were the main features of the 'Nij system of cultivation'?
3. Why did the production of food crops begin to decline with the introduction of commercial crops?
4. Describe at least three merits and demerits of the Permanent System of land revenue.
5. In which activity were the tribals mostly involved?
6. Name three geographical regions of India where most of the tribal societies are found.
7. Who were Jhum cultivators and what was the way they adopted for their livelihood?
8. In what ways was the movement led by Birsa significant?
9. Define commercial farming.
10. Which type of climate and soil are required for growing coffee?
11. What is mixed farming?
12. What are the organs of the Parliament?

SECTION - D

IV. Long Answer Questions.

(Answer any five in detail.)

1. Why is the Munro System considered better than the Permanent System of land revenue?
2. Explain the nature of the tribal economies before the interference of the British in their region.
3. Explain the factors influencing agriculture.
4. How does the President of India exercise judicial powers? Discuss the President's role in granting reprieve, respite, suspension, remission, or commutation of punishment.
5. Does the Parliament work as per the directions of the government? Justify your answers with supportive arguments.
6. How are High Court judges appointed, and what qualifications are required to become a judge?

SECTION - E

MAP/DIAGRAM: